

Animal Control Board Minutes

3rd Qtr Meeting

Date: September 29th 2011
Location: City Hall Council Chambers
Time: 6:00 PM

The 3rd Qtr Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

ROLLCALL

Attending:

Assistant Chief Williams	Chairman
Alijah Hunter	Animal Control
Phillip Jankowski	City Council
Rex Bailey	Veterinarian

Absent:

Vacant Humane Society Representative

The determination of a quorum was made.

Minutes of the last Animal Board meeting were reviewed and accepted.

New Business:

Councilmen Philip Jankowski inquired on an editorial he read reference to raccoons and wanted to hear Alijah Hunter's view on this matter.

Alijah advised that due to the Dunes and wooded areas that surround our city we have a wide variety of animals to include a large raccoon population. Currently they are trying to find places to bed down for the winter and are very active right now. Alijah states that M.C. Animal Control doesn't deal with wild animals (non-domesticated) and the D.N.R. handles those matters as they are properly trained and well equipped. Another avenue for wild animals is pest control agencies that are properly licensed to trap.

Alijah adds that his department will come out to assist with Raccoon, Possum, Skunk, etc. complaints and see what they can do to alleviate the situation for the public.

Royce Williams brought up that proposed changes are being made to the current city ordinances in part to create a No-Kill environment for Michigan City. Copies of proposed changes were distributed to other board members for their review and input.

Unfinished business:

Royce Williams recognized that there were no representatives from the Michigan City Humane Society present as was requested during the 2nd Qtr Meeting reference to filling their seat on the board.

Alijah Hunter had spoken with that organization previously on an unrelated matter and the board seat wasn't discussed.

Councilmen Phillip Jankowski inquired with Alijah Hunter if any literature had ever gone out with the water bills as discussed in earlier sessions.

Alijah Hunter advised that he had conversations with the M.C. Water Dept. and they agreed to assist with the mailings, the letters are typed but not duplicated as of yet. Changes are also being made to the Animal Control tab on the website. Alijah adds that these mailing would probably go out in the first quarter of 2012.

Royce Williams mentioned that during the 2nd Qtr Meeting a gentleman, Duane parry inquired what outreaches there were for dogs. In recent months a roundtable was created that included myself (Royce Williams), Alijah Hunter, and several members of rescue organizations to figure out how to connect these needs, especially for the dog population since it appears to be more difficult to deal with in comparison to the cat populous.

Review of the Michigan City Animal Control Activities:

Dog Impounds:	38
Cat Impounds:	14
Transported to LaPorte Small Animal Shelter:	17 dogs / No Cats
Euthanized:	9 Dogs
Citations Issued:	13
Cat Trap Set:	2
Dog Fighting Investigations:	8 — results were negative for all complaints
Critical incidents to report (animal bites):	16
After Hour Calls (injured animals):	7

Comments from the Public:

Duane Parry 2206 Maple St. inquired on what organizations the "Round Table" were speaking with, Alijah advised that so far it is the Independent Cat Society and Fried's cat Shelter, both of whom were going to pass on a list of Dog rescue organizations for us to utilize, but haven't received list yet.

Duane Parry advised he wanted to find out what dog rescues were in our area so he could help with that cause.

Comments from the Board:

Alijah Hunter advised that he is still looking for volunteers for District 1 reference to emergency planning for catastrophes, he's the Animal Coordinator for this endeavor, and he needs to sign up 15-20 volunteers.

The next Board meeting will be announced via e-mail

The Animal Advisory Board formally adjourned

Royce Williams

Assistant Chief of Police